

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER AND VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY REGARDING THE FUNDING, IN PART, OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PERMANENT SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL FACILITY AND RECREATIONAL FIELDS FOR VILLAGE RESIDENTS LOCATED AT THE MAST ACADEMY CAMPUS AS WELL AS RENOVATIONS AT THE KEY BISCAYNE K-8 CENTER; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Village of Key Biscayne (the “Village”) Village Council over the last couple of years has been examining different options for providing additional secondary educational choices and recreational fields for Village residents as well as relief for the overcrowding at the Key Biscayne K-8 Center; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Public Schools District Staff has approached the Village Staff about a potential partnership with the Village, which would include the funding, in part, of a permanent secondary educational facility and recreational fields for Village residents located at the Mast Academy campus as well as necessary renovations of the Key Biscayne K-8 Center (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Village Council desires to authorize the Village Manager and Village Attorney to negotiate an interlocal agreement with the School Board of Miami-Dade County (the “School Board”) relating to the Project consistent with the terms and conditions provided for in Exhibit “A” (the “Interlocal Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Village Council finds that this Resolution is in the best interest and welfare of the residents of the Village.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. Each of the above stated recitals are hereby adopted, confirmed and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Authorization. The Village Manager and Village Attorney are hereby authorized to negotiate an Interlocal Agreement with the School Board for the Project, which is consistent with the terms and conditions set forth in Exhibit "A." The Village Manager and Village Attorney are further authorized to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the intent and purpose of this Resolution.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of June, 2012.

MAYOR FRANKLIN H. CAPLAN

ATTEST:

CONCHITA H. ALVAREZ, MMC, VILLAGE CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

VILLAGE ATTORNEY

EXHIBIT "A"

EXECUTIVE BRIEF
PROPOSED COLLABORATION BETWEEN SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
AND THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAZYNE

Introduction:

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (District) and Village of Key Biscayne (Village) representatives have been in preliminary discussions over a collaboration, under which the educational choice for Village residents, both in terms of curriculum and continuum of education through grade 12, would be broadened through up-front financing by the Village and cost sharing between the two entities of related facility and programmatic improvements. The purpose of this brief is to provide a high level summary of this collaboration's key elements.

Village Profile:

The Village was home to 12,344 residents as of the 2010 Census, an increase of approximately 17.5% from the prior Census. Additionally, the 2010 Census revealed increases both in the number of children in the 'under 18' category and in the number of people per household, by approximately 36.5% and 11%, respectively, as compared to the 2000 results, pointing to a shift to younger and larger households.

Presently, the Village's boundary school is the Key Biscayne K-8 Center (K-8), though other options are available to Village residents, specifically through District-wide magnets (random and competitive selection), and a traditional middle school option (Ponce de Leon Middle) for parents opting out of the K-8, post elementary. Additionally, the K-8 is in the Coral Gables Senior High feeder pattern, and as of the 2011 enrollment, only about 113 high school students (grades 9-12) from the Village chose that option. This despite the fact that enrollment at the K-8 has continued to increase over time (and based on preliminary indications from the K-8 administration, 2012 enrollment is expected to top 2011 levels).

The increasingly popularity of the K-8 model and as of late, the 6-12 model, point to a parental preference for less transition points for their children as they progress from KG to grade 12. These models provide for a single, smoother transition; a high quality 6-12 model in particular, further addresses parental angst over secondary educational options. This angst is thought to be a contributing factor to the small number of 8th grade Village students who matriculate in their home District high school.

Conversations between the District and the Village have focused on a mutual desire to broaden educational options for Village residents, particularly at the middle and high school levels, while continuing to preserve the integrity of the K-8 program and improving the physical plant. Discussions have centered on construction of a new 6-12 facility at the MAST campus along with recreational fields for joint use by both entities, and the addition of a middle school educational component to the MAST high school which will implement the rigorous MAST curriculum, enabling a seamless transition between the two levels.

Collaboration's Guiding Principles:

- Provide an additional educational choice for Key Biscayne middle school children while at the same time relieving overcrowding at the K-8 over time;
- Renew the physical plant at the K-8 through strategic improvements to the original school (primarily Buildings #1,2 and 3);
- Provide a K-12 continuum of education for Village residents through construction of a new 6-12 facility on the MAST campus (with MAST curriculum) for approximately 1,100 students;
- Provide additional open space opportunities for the Village and students through siting of playing fields on the MAST campus for joint use by students and Village residents.

New Construction and Physical Plant Renewal:

A comprehensive facility solution that addresses both new student stations and renewal of the K-8 is envisioned in several phases, to be implemented concurrently where possible to achieve an out completion date of August 2015.

1. 2012-2013
 - a. Install up to 8 portable units (6 classrooms and 2 ancillary units) on MAST campus to accommodate 8th and 9th graders
 - b. Design and award construction contract for physical plant renewal at the K-8 center, Buildings 1,2 and 3 to include:
 - i. New windows
 - ii. Classroom lighting retrofits, flooring and interior painting
 - iii. Classroom technology (interactive boards)
 - iv. New A/C system in classrooms
 - v. Restroom renovations, including ADA retrofits
 - vi. Cosmetic enhancements, e.g. replacement of second floor railing, Building 2
 - c. Design and build recreational fields on the east side of MAST for opening around May of 2013 (parking, concession stand and separate, freestanding bathroom facilities to be provided later as part of last phase)
2. 2013-2014
 - a. Complete K-8 improvements
 - b. Install additional portable units at MAST to accommodate 8th, 9th and 10th graders
 - c. Design and award construction contract for 6-12 MAST facility
3. 2014-2015
 - a. Install additional portables for school year 2014-15 to accommodate 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th
 - b. Complete construction of 6-12 MAST facility
 - c. Remove all portable units

4. 2015-2016

Complete remaining work in the recreational fields, e.g. concession stand and restroom facilities

Note: Throughout the phases, MAST students will interface and share facilities; the same is envisioned when the new facility is completed

Curricular and Operational Proposal:

Under this collaboration, fifth grade students in the Key Biscayne K-8 attendance boundary will continue to have several choices for their middle school experience, namely 6-8 at the K-8, Ponce de Leon Middle (including the International Baccalaureate program), the new 6-8 grades at the new MAST facility, or application to any magnet middle school in the district.

The richness of this new choice is the fact that eligible Village students will be provided access to a 6-12 MAST program, a rigorous curriculum that requires students to take a math and science course every year. And while MAST is known for its science and math focus, MAST also offers a variety of electives beyond the sciences including: Spanish and French, culinary arts, and several arts and music electives. Entrance level criteria to MAST are currently delineated as follows:

- Academic Performance/ Mathematics & Science Placement (GPA minimum of 2.5 required)
- Conduct—minimum 2.5
- Attendance-no more than 10 excused or unexcused absences in previous year
- Current-year science teacher recommendation